

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 7, and 20. Please add new Claims 33 and 34. Please cancel Claim 8. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) A system for targeting promotions ~~to a~~ to an individual network device, comprising:
 - a scheduler which generates a transmission schedule for the transmission of one or more promotions to ~~the~~ an individual network device, wherein the transmission schedule specifies when the individual network device is to receive the one or more promotions, and is generated for the individual network device by matching i) a viewership profile generated from viewer usage data collected from the individual network device with ii) a membership criteria which describes a particular demographic, viewership history, or geographic location; and
 - a promotion agent subsystem at the individual network device that receives the transmission schedule from the scheduler, wherein the promotion agent processes the transmission schedule to receive the one or more promotions.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a bulk manager server.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the bulk manager server stores promotions to be scheduled for display on the network device.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the bulk manager server downloads the promotions to a bulk manager agent.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the scheduler sends schedule information to the promotion agent which processes the schedule information and transmits the processed schedule information to the bulk manager agent.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the transmission schedule ~~schedule information~~ includes a time schedule for displaying the promotions.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the transmission schedule ~~schedule information~~ includes specified promotions for displaying the promotions.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a bulk manager server that retrieves the promotions from a database.
10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the promotions are stored in a cache.
11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the scheduler instructs the bulk manager server to retrieve the promotions from the database and send the promotions to designated network devices.
12. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the promotions are displayed at a designated time.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the promotions are displayed when the viewers watch designated shows.
14. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on demographics of the viewers who use the network devices.
15. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on geographic locations of the viewers who use the network device.
16. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the membership criteria are based on channel and promotion history data.

17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the scheduler schedules the promotions for delivery to specific promotion groups.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the promotions groups are collections of network devices.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the promotion groups are based on matching the membership criteria to the viewership profiles.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for targeting promotions to ~~[[a]]~~ an individual network device, comprising the steps of:

generating a transmission schedule for the transmission of one or more promotions to ~~[[the]]~~ an individual network device wherein the transmission schedule specifies when the individual network device is to receive the one or more promotions, and is generated for the individual network device by matching i) a viewership profile generated from viewer usage data collected from the individual network device with ii) a membership criteria which describes a particular demographic, viewership history, or geographic location; and

sending the one or more promotions to the individual network device based on the transmission schedule.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of storing the promotions in a bulk manager server.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of downloading the promotions to a bulk manager agent.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of instructing the bulk manager agent to display selected promotions.

24. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of retrieving the promotions from a database.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein a bulk manager server retrieves the promotions.
26. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of storing the promotions in a cache.
27. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying selected promotions at a designated time on selected network devices.
28. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying selected promotions when designated programs are watched by the viewers.
29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the program includes a trigger in the broadcast.
30. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of displaying promotions based on viewer behavior.
31. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of retrieving the promotions across a unicast medium.
32. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the step of developing includes matching the viewership profiles with the membership criteria to generate promotion groups.

33. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the promotion agent subsystem at the individual network device collects data as to which of the one or more promotions of the transmission schedule were actually watched by a viewer associated with the individual network device, and uploads the data collected to provide information relating to the success of the one or more promotions.

34. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:
collecting data as to which of the one or more promotions of the transmission schedule were actually watched by a viewer associated with the individual network device; and
uploading the data collected to provide information relating to the success of the one or more promotions.